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Applicant:

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Title:

SUSTAINED-RELEASE FORMULATIONS FOR TREATING CN

MEDIATED DISORDERS

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims:

1. (Once Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an active compound in a sustained-release formulation, wherein said active compound is selected from the group consisting of:

isovaleric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of isovaleric acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable ester of isovaleric acid, isovaleramide, a compound having the structure:

